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**From:** Stavnes, Sandra  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 1:16:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: gold king mine owner interview

Andrea/Richard/Amelia. Can you confirm the accuracy of the claims below. I will be in Friday so please get back to me asap. Thanks. Sandy

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2015, at 6:31 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Can anyone confirm the accuracy of the claims made by the mine owner to CBS News?

Laura Jenkins

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**From:** Lee, Monica  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:22 PM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Cc:** Press  
**Subject:** Re: gold king mine owner interview

I have no information on this, so we need to run our usually process. Should go to the jic and EOC simultaneously. Does anyone in the region have any background?

Monica Lee

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On Aug 13, 2015, at 8:16 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

<image002.jpg>

Monica:

This isn't a request for an interview, rather, it's a request for confirmation of claims made to CBS News by the owner of the mine. I told Rick I would reach out to you for a response.

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**From:** Sallinger, Rick [<mailto:RSallinger@cbs.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:28 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Subject:** gold king mine owner interview

Laura,

In an interview Todd Hennis, owner of the Gold King mine stated that the EPA forced him to open the mine to your agency four years ago by fining him \$35,000 per day.

He also claimed that the water that came out of the Gold King originated in the Sunnyside mine. He said this can be proven with tests that show the mineral content of the water.

Please let me know the EPA response if any.

thanks,

Rick Sallinger

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn [<mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:20 PM  
**To:** Sallinger, Rick  
**Subject:** GKM Link

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

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